(b) if so, what was the special urgency in disturbing Messrs. Kandar Menon, Vengu Ayyar and Kochunni Menon at present;

(3) (a) what is the minimum pay of the Secretary to the Diwan;

(b) what was the special reason for appointing one on Rs. 550;

(c) are there no men in any of the Executive Departments or in the Secretariat competent to hold the post of Secretary to the Diwan even in an acting arrangement on its minimum pay;

(4) on what pay was Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar first drafted on to the Secretariat and on what pay was he appointed as Diwan Peishkar;

(5) is the permanent Second grade District and Sessions Judge doing duty as Sarvadhikariakar now appointed to act as First grade District and Sessions Judge allowed any personal or deputation allowance; if so, what is that amount?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) An immediate change was considered necessary.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to question (1) above.

(3) (a) Rs. 300.

(b) The Government considered it necessary and proper to give the maximum pay.

(c) None so competent as Mr. Kandar Menon.

(4) Rs. 45 and Rs. 450 respectively.

(5) Yes; Rs. 200.

640. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether the tax-payer has not to bear an additional burden of Rs. 1,275 per mensem or Rs. 15,300 annually as shown below on account of the acting appointments notified in the Gazette of 13—6—1104 (vide part I, page 200); if that is not the correct amount, will the Government be pleased to state what the amount is?

Diwan Peishkar's pay.

	Rs.
Initial pay	350
Pay allowed now	850
Difference	500

Excise Superintendent.

Initial pay	425
Pay allowed now	750
Difference	325

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Secretary to the Diwan.

Initial pay		300
The present sanctioned pay		550
	Difference	250

Sarvadhikariakar.

Maximum of Sarvadhikariakar's pay		400
Present amount		600
	Difference	200
	Total	1,275

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The additional expenditure would be Rs. 1,275 if the officers in question were started on the minimum pay of the appointment.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—'The additional expenditure would be Rs. 1,275.' How can that be?

President.—You have put Rs. 1,275, and so the additional expenditure would be Rs. 1,275. The maximum has been given in some cases.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The additional expenditure will not have been incurred if they were appointed on the minimum pay. It is just the reverse.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is correct. He wants the answer in another form. You can only ask questions and we will answer in the best way we are able to do. He wants to put it in this way. The additional expenditure would not have been incurred if they had been started at the minimum pay.

President.—Is that your point? If they had been started on the minimum pay, we would have been a gainer by Rs. 1,275. Is that the point?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—This additional expenditure had to be incurred because they were started on the maximum pay.

President.—If they had been appointed on the minimum pay, we would have gained Rs. 1,275. You have given the figures. If you want it, we shall put it in that way.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—He thought that it would be the better way. Hereafter we shall do so.

President.—We are not answering them at randum.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All the information has been given.

President.—We tried to answer it in the best way possible and to the point and we have given all the information that is possible.

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